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The American Numismatic and Archæological Society of New York.

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CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS.

THE Society desiring to collect and preserve materials in order to enable the Historiographer to prepare and read before it, upon the demise of any member, a memorial of his life, these queries are forwarded to you with the earnest request that they may be answered *in extenso*, and returned without delay.

QUESTIONS.

1 What is your full name? *Answer.* Adélard Joseph Boucher.

2. What were the names of your parents? *A.* Francis Xavier Boucher, M.D. Emily Munro.

3. What were the names of your grandparents? *A.* Francis Boucher, Julia Olivier; Hugh Munro, Angélique Leroux.

4. When and where were you born? *A.* Born 28th June, 1835, at Maskinongé, District of Three Rivers, Province of Quebec.

5. If you are married, give the maiden name of your wife, and her residence, the names of her parents, the date of your marriage, and the place where you were married? *A.* Married in Montreal, 24th April, 1854, to Philomène Rousseau, only daughter of the late Joseph Rousseau and Sophie Paillié.

6. If you have had any children, give their names in the order of their birth. *A.* Fourteen — 1° Philomène, widow of René Hudon — (resides at Cohoes, N.Y.)
2° Emily,
3° Pierre Nolasque — dead,
4° Cecilia — Mrs. L. E. N. Pratte,
5° Anatole, dead
6° Francis — married to Mrs. Widow Lapierre, at Ottawa, Ont.
7° Josephine — Religious of the Hotel-Dieu of Montreal
8° Theresa,
9° Joseph, dead,
10° Arthur,
11° Lewis, dead,
12° Paul, " ,
13° Marie, " ,
14° Julia, " ,

(7 living
7 dead)

7. If any member of your family is deceased, give the name and date of death. *A.*

(Given in previous number.)

8. State where you were brought up and educated. *A.* Studied six years at Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmittsburg, Fred. Co. Md. U. and, subsequently, at Paris and Amiens, France.

9. If you were graduated by any college, give the name and class. *A.*

Not Graduated.

10. State what degrees, if any, have been conferred, and by whom. *A.*

None

11. State your occupation; and if you are a member of any of the learned professions. *A.* Music publisher and - since over thirty years - "Maître de Chapelle" of various Catholic Churches in the City.

12. If you have held any public office, either Municipal, State or Federal, state what, when, and for how long. *A.*

None

13. If you have been connected with any corporations, or other societies, state in what manner. *A.* About the year 1862, I established the "Numismatic Society" of Montreal - (the first - and to this day - the only Numismatic Society in the Dominion of Canada.) My associates were Stanley C. Bagg & Joseph A. Mauceau. The Society, which is still prosperous, subsequently changed its name to that of "the Antequarian & Numismatic Society" of Montreal.

14. If you have written any book, pamphlet or article which has been printed, state when and where published, and give titles in full, and please furnish copies to the Library of the Society. *A.* During seven years, I published the "Canada Musical", a monthly musical review. I had previously published "Les Beaux-Arts" - and, subsequently, "Le Journal Musical", both monthlies - which each appeared a couple of years - I will endeavour to collect & furnish to the Society - Copies - or at least Specimens of each of these Publications.

15. If any biographical sketch of you or history of your family has been printed, please refer to it? *A.* Reference to my family & myself is made in a rare work on "Canadian families", by Revd W. Daniel, Sulpician priest of the Seminary of Montreal. Morgan, (of Ottawa) author of several biographical & bibliographical works, has also referred to my publications.

16. Give in detail any incidents which have gone to make up the history of your life; acquaintance with distinguished men, etc.; in fact, everything that should be presented in a memorial of your life. *A.*

No incidents worthy of note. I have three times visited Europe. My time and attention have been simply devoted to music, as an art and business. In my leisure moments, I have gone into Coin Collecting enthusiastically. Have one of the most complete collections - some 5000 pieces, chiefly copper - in Canada. Am also a philatelist and corresponding member of the "Sociedad filatelica del Guayas", of Guayaquil, Ecuador, S. A.

17. If any of your ancestors or descendants have held important positions of honor or trust, please give details. *A.* My Gd father Boucher was offered a seat in the legislative Council of Quebec, by the Governor, Sir Robt. S. Milnes, but declined the honor. My Great Gd father Munro accepted a similar offer, I believe, made him by Governor Simcoe, of Upper Canada.

18. If you can give the name of the first ancestor of the family in this country, please do so. *A.* My first Ancestor in this Country - and likewise that of the many Canadian "Boucher" families - was Gaspard Boucher, born at Langy, Perche, France, in 15—; in 1619, he married Nicole Lemaine, of whom he had five children. His first son, (second child) Pierre, baptized in 1622, became the celebrated Governor of Three Rivers.

NOTE.—Please also send to the Society, for its Album, a photographic likeness of yourself, with your autograph beneath it, if you have not already done so; and donations of anything you may have written will be particularly acceptable, as well as contributions germane to its Library and Cabinets.

Photograph enclosed.

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Biographical Sketch.

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